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SUBJ: LOS - MINEXTAFF ADDERLEY'S COMMENTS

DURING COURSE OF HEAVNER'S COURTESY CALL ON MINEXTAFF  
ADDERLEY ON SEPTEMBER 3, LATTER AMPLIFIED HIS THINKING ON  
BAHAMIAN PLANS FOR UNILATERAL ACTION ON LOS RELATED MATTERS.  
REITERATING HIS PESSIMISM REGARDING CONFERENCE'S OUTCOME,  
ADDERLEY ONCE AGAIN STATED THAT SOMETIME THIS WINTER  
BAHAMAS WOULD UNILATERALLY DECLARE ARCHIPELAGO TO BE  
BAHAMIAN TERRITORIAL WATER. HE CAVALIERLY DISMISSED  
POTENTIAL PROBLEMS WITH CUBANS STEMMING FROM SUCH ACTION  
AND APPEARED TO TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT THERE WOULD BE  
U. S. ACQUIESCENCE. WITH REGARD TO CUBA, ADDERLEY STATED  
THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED BY SOVIETS THAT SO LONG AS  
BAHAMIANS ALLOWED FREE PASSAGE THROUGH THE BAHAMIAN STRAITS,  
SOVIETS WOULD NOT SUPPORT CUBAN FISHING DEMANDS. BASED  
ON THIS GUARANTEE HE FORESAW NO PROBLEMS WITH CUBANS.  
BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U. S. WOULD BE NECESSARY  
TO DEMARCATE RESPECTIVE CLAIMS AND TO RESOLVE OTHER PROBLEMS.

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COMMENT: WHILE ADDERLEY'S INTENTIONS ARE CLEAR ENOUGH, IT

SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT HE HAS NOT THOUGHT THROUGH THEIR IMPLEMENTATION NOR THE POSSIBLE ADVERSE REACTIONS FROM BAHAMAS' NEIGHBORING STATES. FACT THAT CUBAN FISHING BOATS IN BAHAMIAN WATERS HAD BEEN SUBJECT OF DAILY PRESS HEADLINES IN NASSAU FOR PAST WEEK BELIES ADDERELY'F SEEMING CONFIDENCE THAT CUBANS WOULD MEEKLY ACCEPT BAHAMIAN CLAIMS. IN ADDITION, HE SEEMS TO HAVE FORGOTTEN THAT U. S. PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR BAHAMIAN ARCHIPELAGO GIVEN IN JANUARY 1975 IS CONTINGENT ON THE RATIFICATION OF A SUCCESSFUL OVERALL TREATY. LIKEWISE, IT IS PROBABLE THAT ANY SOVIET GUARANTEES OF SUPPORT WERE ALSO DEPENDENT UPON SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF LOS NEGOTIATIONS. WHATEVER THEIR PROBLEMS WITH THE CUBANS. EMBASSY URGES THAT DEPARTMENT BEGIN ASSESSING WHAT OUR REACTION SHOULD BE WHEN BAHAMAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES ITS CLAIM. THE IMPLICATION OF UNILATERAL BAHAMIAN ACTION IN THIS CONTEXT ON THE FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN A SEPTEL.

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